

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special Health and Human Needs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

1:05 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:
Chair: CW Woolridge
Members: CW Welch, Stuart Benson, CW Green
and CM Heiner

Also Present: CM Fleming and CW Ward-Pugh

Chairman Woolridge acknowledged CM Heiner as an official member to the Health and Human Needs Committee.

Special Items For Discussion: Continuation of discussion: Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ordinance - Kimberly Bunton, Director of Metro Housing & Family Service; Janel Temple, Director of Outreach and Family Services at Habitat for Humanity of Louisville ; Cathy Hinko, Executive Director Metro Housing Coalition.

AGENDA

O-35-02-08 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BOARD.

Status: In Committee - Tabled

Committee: Health & Human Needs

Primary Sponsor: Tina Ward-Pugh

Additional Sponsor:

Cheri Bryant Hamilton

David Tandy

Robert Henderson

Barbara Shanklin

Robert Henderson

Tom Owen

Vicki Welch

Judy Green

Mary C. Woolridge

Motion to untable made by Vicki Welch and seconded by Judy Green.

Discussion: Kimberly Bunton, Director of Housing & Family Services, Cathy Hinko, Executive Director of Metro Housing Coalition and Rachel Hurst, Habitat for Humanity of Louisville spoke. Janel Temple, Director of Outreach and Family Services at Habitat for Humanity was present. Handouts were given. The following was discussed.

- CM Heiner's requested answer's last committee meeting from the panel regarding the WHEREAS'S that were in the Ordinance
 - ✓ Affordable Housing Trust –Source Documentation and Explanations – with the links to download the files to get the information (**attachment**)
- Metro United Way – Giving is down – The info might not be up-to-date from the Census Bureau
- What is an Affordable Housing Trust Fund (**attachment**)
 - ✓ A distinct funding mechanism to receive dedicated public revenue which can only be used to generate affordable housing.
- Why are Trust Funds Beneficial
 - ✓ Ideally designed locally to take advantage of unique opportunities and address specific needs that exist within a particular community.
- Decline in Federal Funding
- There is over 600 Trust Funds - 400 cities have create Trust Funds

- Task Force Principles of a Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund
 - ✓ Target households earning under **80% of AMI**, including a 50% set aside for households earning under **50% of AMI**
- Directed by a community-based oversight board consisting of 13 Members representing specific constituencies appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Metro Council
- Director of AHTF appointed by the Mayor with approval of the board
- Income
 - ✓ Over 15,000 households on Louisville Metro Housing Authority waiting list
- Poverty in Louisville
 - ✓ Louisville's poverty rate nearly twice the national average 22% vs. 12.7%
- Poverty in the Louisville Metro 2000
- African American Population Louisville Metro 2000
- Percent of All Families Headed by a Single Mother, Louisville Metro 2000
- Renters with excessive cost burden (**more than 30% of income on rent and utilities combined**), 2000
- Hourly wage needed to rent an apartment compared to wages of essential workers in the Louisville region
- Essential Workers wages compared to median income and poverty threshold
- Numbers of low and moderate wage jobs are increasing
- Foreclosures in Louisville MSA 1996-2006
- Economic Impact
- Students with housing related moves – Free, reduced, or paid lunch status
- Asthma hospitalization Rate per 100,000 children 0 -14
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Why housing-related services & case management
 - ✓ Sustainable housing for some people takes a system of ongoing support – case management
- CM Heiner's – Proposed Amendment to: Section 2, Section 5 and Section 6 (**attachment**)
 - ✓ Discussion of definition of Partnerships
 - ✓ Bill Warner, County Attorney's Office stated the language that was written by CM Heiner was unconstitutional
 - ✓ CM Heiner stated he would be glad to meet with Bill Warner to craft something with a different language
- CM Heiner requested more information and examples from the panel regarding (**For Profit and Not for Profit partnerships**).
- **Handouts that were given at the meeting (attachment)**
 - ✓ Housing Trust Fund Progress Report 2007
 - ✓ When Work Doesn't pay – Teacher's average salary is enclosed
 - ✓ The Indianapolis/Marion County, Indiana Housing Trust Fund: A Case Study
 - ✓ FAQ- Affordable Housing Trust Funds
 - ✓ Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund Economic Impact
 - ✓ Mayor's Task Force, Affordable Housing Trust Fund
 - ✓ 2007 State of Metropolitan Housing Report
 - ✓ Louisville's Foreclosure Crisis

Kathy Hinko, recognized Youth Builders and Habitat individuals that were out in the audience.

Chairman Woolridge thank panel for attending and asked them to come back for the next Health and Human Needs Meeting to further the discussion on April 2, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. She stated if anyone had any concerns to email them to her before the next meeting.

Motion to table made by Vicki Welch and seconded by Hal Heiner.

By unanimous vote, this item was **Tabled**.

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Stuart Benson, Judy Green, Vicki Welch, Mary C. Woolridge, Hal Heiner

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

Motion to Adjourn made by Mary C. Woolridge.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the April 17, 2008 Metro Council Meeting.**

MEM